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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR HOLDERS OF USIB-D-4.1/6

SUBJECT: National Security Council Intelligence  
Directive

REFERENCE: USIB-D-4.1/6, 31 March 1975

It is requested that the attached revised pages 24 and 25 be substituted in all copies of the reference. This subject will be discussed at the USIB meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 9 April 1975, at 1530 hours.



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Attachment

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MEMORANDUM FOR USIB PRINCIPALS

SUBJECT : National Security Council Intelligence Directive

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-4.1/4, 7 November 1974,  
limited distribution  
b. USIB-D-4.1/5, 5 December 1974, and  
Memorandum for Holders thereto,  
18 December 1974

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1. The enclosed memorandum from  USAF (ret.) and its attached draft NSCID are circulated for Board consideration. Please note that the language in paragraph (2) on page 24 and paragraph e. on page 25 is to be provided at a later date.

2. The DCI has requested that the attached NSCID be placed on the agenda for Board consideration at the USIB meeting scheduled for 2 April 1975.

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Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE

Timely and reliable foreign intelligence is essential to the national security and to the formulation and implementation of political, economic and military policies of the United States Government. To assure the availability of such intelligence, this directive provides authority, delineates responsibilities and establishes arrangements for the effective leadership and coordination, and for the efficient management and planning of the US foreign intelligence effort. To these ends, pursuant to provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947 as amended, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs as follows:

1. Intelligence Community Objectives

The President has established the following long-term objectives, the attainment of which is essential to the efficient and effective functioning of the Intelligence Community:\*

- a. The responsiveness of the United States intelligence effort with respect to national requirements must be subject to continuing review.

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\*The Intelligence Community is composed of the departments and agencies of the Federal Government involved in the collection, processing and/or production of foreign intelligence. Primary components are the Central Intelligence Agency, intelligence elements of the Departments of State, Treasury, and Defense (including the Defense Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, and intelligence elements within the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force), the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Energy Research and Development Administration. Components of other Federal organizations are included to the extent of their participation in foreign intelligence activities.

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b. Authoritative and responsible leadership for the Community as a whole must be assured.

c. A more efficient use of resources by the Community in the collection of intelligence information must be achieved. Utilization of the means available must be in consonance with approved requirements of United States security and national interests.

d. Assignment of intelligence functions within the Community must be reviewed and revised to eliminate inefficient, unnecessary or outmoded activities.

e. The quality, scope and timeliness of the Community's product must be improved.

f. The provision of intelligence and its utilization must enhance the formulation and implementation of the foreign, military and economic policies of the US Government and the planning for and conduct of operations by US Forces.

2. The National Security Council Intelligence Committee (NSCIC)

a. The National Security Council Intelligence Committee shall give direction and guidance on national substantive intelligence needs and provide for a continuing evaluation of intelligence products from the viewpoint of the intelligence consumer.

b. The National Security Council Intelligence Committee will be comprised of: The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Chairman; The Director of Central Intelligence, Vice Chairman; The Deputy Secretary of State; The Deputy Secretary of Defense; The Under Secretary of the Treasury; and The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

3. The Director of Central Intelligence

a. The Director of Central Intelligence shall be the senior foreign intelligence officer of the United States Government and have overall responsibility for attainment of the President's objectives for the Intelligence Community. This shall include positive leadership of the Community, coordination of all foreign intelligence activities of the US Government in accordance

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with existing law and applicable directives, and the review and provision of recommendations to the President through the Office of Management and Budget with respect to resource requirements and allocation for all US Government foreign intelligence activities, including departmental and tactical intelligence.

b. The Director of Central Intelligence shall discharge seven major responsibilities:

(1) Plan, review and evaluate all foreign intelligence activities and recommend the allocation of all foreign intelligence resources.

(2) Produce national intelligence as required.

(3) Establish substantive and resource management objectives for the Intelligence Community and review the performance of the Intelligence Community toward accomplishment of these objectives.

(4) Establish and reconcile national intelligence requirements and priorities within budgetary constraints.

(5) Promote the development of services of common concern where such are in the national interest.

(6) Provide for the chairing and staffing of all Intelligence Community advisory boards and committees.

(7) Head the Central Intelligence Agency.

c. In discharging the above responsibilities and in implementation of and in conformity with approved National Security Council policy, the Director of Central Intelligence shall:

(1) Consult with the United States Intelligence Board and the Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee on matters within their purview.

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(2) Provide for preparation, publication and dissemination of national intelligence products to authorized recipients. All such coordinated publications will include any statement of abstention or substantially differing opinion made by a United States Intelligence Board principal.

(3) Arrange for production, on a coordinated basis as appropriate, of current intelligence for the National Security Council and other national level consumers, as well as that which serves the common needs of the interested departments and agencies of the Government for current intelligence not produced within their organizations.

(4) Obtain from the appropriate departments and agencies inputs to national intelligence products within their areas of competence.

(5) In consultation with consumers of national intelligence, establish and issue substantive objectives, requirements and priorities to guide all national intelligence collection and production programs, together with procedures for the review of the performance of all such programs.

(6) Prepare and submit each year to the President, through the Office of Management and Budget, consolidated national foreign intelligence program budget recommendations with respect to all foreign intelligence activities of the United States Government, including departmental and tactical activities.

(7) Act for the National Security Council to provide for detailed implementation of this directive by issuing, in consultation with the United States Intelligence Board, Director of Central Intelligence Directives (DCIDs) or supplementary agreements with other Federal departments and agencies. Such directives and agreements shall, as applicable, be promulgated and implemented within the normal command channels of the departments and agencies concerned.

(8) In consultation with the head of the intelligence or other appropriate component of the departments and agencies concerned, make such surveys and evaluations of foreign intelligence activities as he may deem necessary in connection with his duty to advise the National Security Council, to coordinate the foreign intelligence effort of the United States, to promote an integration of intelligence effort, and to avoid undesirable duplication and overlap.

(9) Formulate, with the advice of the United States Intelligence Board as appropriate, policies and procedures with respect to arrangements with the intelligence services of foreign governments.

(10) Disseminate national intelligence on a strictly controlled basis to foreign governments and international bodies upon his determination, and after consultation with the United States Intelligence Board, that such action would substantially promote the security and support the foreign policy of the United States, provided that such dissemination is consistent with existing statutes and Presidential guidance, including that reflected in international agreements, that adequate security measures are afforded for the protection of intelligence sources and methods, and further, that any disclosure of Federal Bureau of Investigation information shall be cleared with that agency prior to dissemination.

(11) Pursuant to the statutory responsibility assigned in Section 102 (d) (3) of the National Security Act of 1947, develop and review security policies, standards, compartmented systems and practices for the protection of foreign intelligence and of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure; call upon the departments and agencies, as appropriate, to investigate within their department or agency any possibility of compromise resulting from unauthorized disclosure of intelligence or of intelligence sources and methods and report the results of such investigation to the Director of Central Intelligence for review and such further action as may be appropriate.

(12) With the advice of the United States Intelligence Board, establish procedures to ensure that information made available for downgrading or unclassified release under procedures and reviews provided by pertinent laws and Executive Orders shall not compromise US cryptologic activities or other sensitive intelligence sources or methods.

(13) With the advice of the United States Intelligence Board, provide to the United States Communications Security Board assessments and recommendations concerning the intelligence impact of US cryptographic assistance to foreign nations.

(14) Arrange with the departments and agencies for the assignment or exchange within the Intelligence Community of such experienced and qualified personnel as may be of advantage for advisory, operational or other purposes.

(15) Facilitate the coordinated development of compatible referencing systems within the departments and agencies engaged in foreign intelligence activities and arrange for the use of designated facilities as a service of common concern as appropriate.

(16) Provide for services of common concern in areas of intelligence activity to serve the interests of the individual departments and agencies, including but not limited to a national photographic interpretation center, the monitoring of foreign media broadcasts and exploitation of foreign publications requiring translation, the conduct of the US defector program, and the conduct within the United States of those overt and clandestine activities (as delineated in paragraph 9b) which are required to respond to foreign intelligence needs.

(17) Ensure centralized direction and coordination of US clandestine foreign intelligence collection activities within the United States (as delineated in paragraph 9b(6)) and abroad, and after appropriate consultation:

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(a) Establish the procedures necessary to achieve such direction and coordination, including the assessment of risk attendant upon such operations as compared to the value of the activity and to ensure that operations are reviewed pursuant to applicable policy and directives.

(b) Except where paragraph of this directive applies, and subject to Presidential direction, the Director of Central Intelligence shall, after consultation with the Secretary of State, ensure that the senior US representative, or his designated representative, is appropriately advised on a timely basis of US clandestine intelligence and clandestine counterintelligence activities conducted in or affecting his area.

4. Advisory Bodies to Support the Director of Central Intelligence

a. Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee (IRAC)

An Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee is hereby established to advise the Director of Central Intelligence on the preparation of budget recommendations for the National Foreign Intelligence Program, on the allocation of resources among elements of this program, and on means to ensure that such resources are employed in accordance with approved requirements with no unwarranted duplication. The committee will consist of the Director of Central Intelligence, Chairman; and senior representatives of the Department of State, Department of Defense, Central Intelligence Agency and the Office of Management and Budget.

b. The United States Intelligence Board (USIB)

(1) A United States Intelligence Board is hereby established. Subject to other established

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responsibilities under existing law and directives, the United States Intelligence Board shall advise and assist the Director of Central Intelligence with respect to:

(a) The establishment of appropriate intelligence objectives, requirements and priorities.

(b) The production of national intelligence.

(c) The dissemination of intelligence material.

(d) The protection of intelligence sources and methods.

(e) As appropriate, policies and arrangements regarding contact with foreign governments on intelligence matters.

(2) The membership of the United States Intelligence Board shall consist of the following: The Director of Central Intelligence, Chairman; The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Vice Chairman and CIA member; The Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State; The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; The Director, National Security Agency; a representative of the Secretary of the Treasury; a representative of the Energy Research and Development Administration; and a representative of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(3) The intelligence chiefs of the individual military services are accorded observer status with the privilege of participating in sessions of the United States Intelligence Board.

c. The Director of Central Intelligence shall call upon all departments and agencies of the Executive Branch of the Government, as appropriate, for information required by the United States Intelligence Board and the Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee; and, as Chairman, invite such additional participation in their deliberations as, in his judgment, may be required.

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